

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the following amendments in the disclosure. All references to page and line number in this section and in the following Remarks section are to the clean version of the substitute specification filed March 13, 2008.

1. Delete the section heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" at page 1, line 2.
2. Delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3.
3. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph.

The valve, which can be formed particularly in the base body itself, is resides in a closed position or condition during the operation by the closely abutting weight body, so that pressure is applied to the clamping system and the clamping system allows a relative movement between the base body with the attached weight body, on the one hand, and the guide component fixed relative to the weight body, on the other hand.

4. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14 with the following replacement paragraph.

A pressure drop in the system then results in a pressure release from the originally pressurized chamber in the clamping system, and consequently a clamping force is generated that should prevent additional movement of the base

body together with the attached weight body. While the base body with the clamping system located therein is retained in its vertical position at the time the clamping force is generated, the weight body attached to the base body continues to be subjected to the gravitational force and thus separates from the base body located above it. As a result, the valve of the medium supply, which is already no longer under pressure, is opened (that is, moved to the open position or condition).

5. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 3 with the following replacement paragraph.

~~Below the base body 3, a weight body 12 is mounted below the base body 3 arranged, which is pressed~~ by means of a screw system and a spring element 14 so that the weight body 12 is pressed in a detachable manner against the bottom side of the base body 3. Together with the base body 3, the weight body 12 is driven in an up and down movement by means of a lifting device that is not shown.

6. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 16 with the following replacement paragraph.

The base body 103 is attached below a fixed actuation element 110, which is mounted ~~and it is secured with the latter~~ by means of a screw-shaped abutment, which is prestressed by a spring 114. The actuation element 110 here presents a part of the medium supply 108, which is guided to the base body from above the

base body 103. The valve function proper is ensured by the very simply designed valve 111.

7. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 11 with the following replacement paragraph.

In Figure 6, a modified form of the variant according to Figure 5 is represented. The fixed actuation element 110 is here formed substantially by a pin, which is mounted on the based body 103 from above and extends ~~from above~~ into a section of the medium line in the base body 103. Analogously to the mechanism of action of the devices in Figures 3 and 4, the medium is led here out of a medium supply 108 into a medium recycling line 108', as long as the actuation element 110 does not close this medium recycling line. It is only when the base body 103 and the fixed component with the actuation element 110, which is located in a fixed position above the base body, move toward each other that this element closes the medium recycling line again, so that pressure can again be applied to the chambers 106 by the medium applied through the medium supply 108 in such a manner that a clamping against the rod 102 is released.